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SUBJECT: CHAVAN ASSERTS US TIES ARE IMPORTANT

1. EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER CHAVAN SPOKE POSITIVELY ABOUT INDO-US RELATIONS IN TOASTING SENATOR MCGOVERN AT THE MINISTRY'S FORMAL DINNER JANUARY 9 AND THE GOI ELECTED TO CONVEY HIS REMARKS TO THE PRESS. CHAVAN SAID THAT INDIA ATTACHED "IMPORTANCE TO ITS RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES." BOTH COUNTRIES SHOULD BUILD UP "GOOD AND HEALTHY RELATIONS" AND CONTINUE THE DIALOGUE THAT HAS ALREADY BEEN STARTED. CHAVAN FURTHER COMMENTED THAT INDIA WOULD CONTINUE ITS EFFORTS TOWARD IMPROVING RELATIONS WITH THE U.S. AND TO HAVE MATURE UNDERSTANDING OF EACH OTHER'S POINTS OF VIEWS, URGES AND ASPIRATIONS. "VISITS BY DIGNITARIES LIKE SENATOR MCGOVERN HELP US TO UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER'S CONCERNS ON VARIOUS CRUCIAL AND IMPORTANT MATTERS." CHAVAN TOPPED OFF THE U.S. ASPECT OF HIS REMARKS BY OFFERING FELICITATIONS TO THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE ON THE OCCASION OF THE BICENTENNIAL.

2. SENATOR MCGOVERN REPLIED TO CHAVAN THAT WHILE THE TWO COUNTRIES OF THE SIZE OF INDIA AND THE U.S. MIGHT HAVE DIFFERENCES FROM TIME TO TIME, THERE WAS NO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REASON WHY THEY COULD NOT HAVE FUNDAMENTALLY FRIENDLY

AND CONSTRUCTIVE RELATIONS. HIS VISIT WAS TO PROMOTE
SUCH RELATIONS.

3. REPORTS OF THE ABOVE REMARKS APPEARED WIDELY IN
THE DELHI ENGLISH AND HINDI PRESS AND RADIO/TELEVISION.
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